

February 12, 2003

HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-81

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the Initial Brief of The Berkshire Gas Company in support of its petition in D.T.E. 02-81. Also enclosed in response to the Hearing Officer's ruling are less redacted versions of Exhibit BG-8 (Attachment KLZ-7) and Exhibit AG-1-7 (the Company's response to Information Request AG 1-7).

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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